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For: Glucagon Antagonists/Inverse Agonists

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before the above-captioned application is taken up for examination, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3 and 6-18 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 19-36 are now pending following entry of this amendment The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application.

Respectfully submitted,

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